

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 12, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-26 remain pending following entry of this response. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 27-46 have been cancelled. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-15 and 27-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bhat* (US 5,668,995) in view of *Henry et al.* (US 6,845,306 B2).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in claim 2. Thus, the rejection with respect to claim 1 and claims 3-15, which depend from claim 1, is moot.

Claims 27-46 has been canceled, and the rejection with respect to claims 27-46 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in claim 2, which is now canceled. Claim 1 as amended and claims 3-15 which depend from claim 1 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended claim 1 and cancelled claims 27-46 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that

those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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